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TO AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRN, CE

SUBJECT: SHIPPING LINES REFUSAL TO CARRY COBALT CANCER

THERAPY UNIT TO SRI LANKA

REF: COLOMBO 2485

1. AL JIRSA, HEAD OF TRAFFIC CONTROL, PICKER INTERNATIONAL CORP, INFORMED DEPT OFFICER THAT MUHAMMADI LINES IS UNWILLING TO CARRY UNIT BECAUSE THIS LINE MAKES STOPS IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES BEFORE ARRIVING IN COLOMBO AND CANNOT UNDERTAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADVANCE REQUIRED CLEARANCES FOR ENTRY INTO EACH COUNTRY SINCE POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS MATERIAL IS INVOLVED.

2. MR. JIRSA SAID MR. EVANS (HELLENIC LINES-NEW YORK OFFICE) INFORMED JIRSA THAT HELLENIC HAS A POLICY OF CARRYING ONLY TOP PAYING, EASY HANDLING CARGO AND IS EXTREMELY SELECTIVE IN THE FREIGHT IT CARRIES. JIRSA SAID BEST POSSIBILITY FOR SHIPMENT STILL REMAINS WITH HELLENIC SINCE IT GOES DIRECTLY TO COLOMBO AND WOULD NOT HAVE TO OBTAIN ADVANCE CLEARANCES IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

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JIRSA EMPHASIZED HIS COMPANY HAS A US DEPT OF TRANS

PORTATION LICENSE APPROVED BY THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION  
CERTIFYING THE PACKAGING FOR ITS UNITS AND THAT OF 37  
UNITS SOLD ABROAD IN RECENT YEARS PIC HAD HAD PROBLEM WITH

THE SHIPMENT OF ONLY ONE UNIT, WHICH OCCURRED BECAUSE OF  
THE NUMBER OF ADVANCE CLEARANCES NEEDED.

4. JIRSA RECOMMENDED GSL CONTACT GREEK CONSUL IN COLOMBO  
TO USE ITS INFLUENCE TO PERSUADE HELLENIC TO CARRY THE  
CARGO IF HUMANITARIAN CONDITIONS ARE OF PARAMOUNT CONCERN.

5. DEPT HAS ALSO INFORMED GSL EMBASSY HERE OF PROBLEM  
WHICH IN TURN MAY BE CONSULTING WITH GREEK EMBASSY HERE.  
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